

GENESIS

THE FIRST BOOK OF THE BIBLE

MEANING OF GENESIS

- A Greek word meaning "origin," "source," "generation," or "beginning."
- Its Hebrew name is the same as its first word, *Bereshit* ("In the beginning").

THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS

- Universe
- Life
- Mankind
- Sabbath
- Marriage
- Sin
- Death
- Redemption
- Prophecy
- Family
- Language
- Sacrifice

AUTHOR

- Traditionally Moses

Torah:

- The first five books of Moses of the Hebrew Bible.
- Torah: "teaching", "doctrine", or "instruction"
- Christian scholars usually refer to the first five books of the Hebrew Bible as the 'Pentateuch'

FACTS

DATE WRITTEN: 1450 – 1410 BC

CHAPTERS: 50

VERSES: 1,533

HISTORICAL TIMELINE

- The events of Genesis - 3 centuries before Moses' birth.
- Genesis spans more time than any other book in History
- Genesis covers more time than all the remaining 65 put together
- Recorded Bible History: 4100
- Genesis: 2286 years covered in Genesis
- Exodus - Revelation: 1814 years covered
- Genesis Ch.1-11: 2000 years history is covered

GEOGRAPHICAL SETTING

- This book encompasses (Present day) Egypt, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Iran, and Iraq.
- Putting the text of the Bible into context can be a complicated affair as the Bible spans several thousand years.
- As ruling empires changed, so did place names and geographical boundaries.
- As a result, places in the Bible often have numerous names or variant language and spellings.
- The opening chapters of Genesis take place in the larger context of the Ancient Near East, and the first geographical location mentioned is the **Garden of Eden**.
- The scripture locates the garden at the location where four rivers flow together.
- Two of the rivers—the Tigris and the Euphrates—are known today.
- The term Mesopotamia comes from the Greek term "between the rivers" and refers to the land mass between the Tigris and Euphrates that is modern-day Iraq.

MESSIANIC PROPHECIES

- **Genesis 3:15** - Christ is the Seed of the woman.
- **Genesis 4:25** - From the line of Seth. (From Adam)
- **Genesis 9:26-27** - From the line of Shem. (From Noah)
- **Genesis 12:3** - The descendant of Abraham
- **Genesis 21:12** - The descendant of Isaac
- **Genesis 25:23** - The descendent of Jacob.
- **Genesis 49:10** - From the tribe of Judah.

7 WORLD PHILOSOPHIES DESTROYED

1. "In the beginning God" - denies **Atheism** with its doctrine of no God.
2. "In the beginning God" - denies **Polytheism** with its doctrine of many gods.
3. "In the beginning God" - denies **Humanism** - that man is the centre of the Universe
4. "In the beginning God created"- denies **Fatalism** with its doctrine of chance.
5. "In the beginning God created - denies **Evolution** with its doctrine of infinite becoming.
6. "God created heaven and earth"- denies **Pantheism** which makes God and the universe identical.
7. "God created heaven and earth"- denies **Materialism** which asserts the eternity of matter.

CHAPTER-WISE SUMMARY

Chapter#1 Overview Of The Creation. Creation of the heaven, the earth, plants, animals and man in six days. Day 1- light; day and night. Day 2- expanse. Day 3- dry land and vegetation. Day 4- heavenly luminaries. Day 5- fish and birds. Day 6- land animals and humans.

Chapter#2 The Seventh Day, God Rests. The Man and the woman in the garden of Eden. Some Details Of The Creation. The First Woman. Forbidden tree of knowledge.

Chapter#3 Origin Of Sin. The serpent enticed Adam and Eve to eat the forbidden tree. Paradise Lost: God's Judgment. The punishment of mankind. Their first clothing. Expulsion from Eden.

Chapter#4 Cain and Abel. First Murder. God curses Cain. Cain's descendants and family history. The birth of Seth and Enos.

CHAPTER-WISE SUMMARY

Chapter#5 Genealogy From Adam To Noah. The godliness and translation of Enoch. Enoch walked with God.

Chapter#6 Building Of The Ark. Wickedness in the earth increased. God declares to destroy the world. Noah commissioned to build an ark.

Chapter#7 Coming Of The Flood. Entering The Ark. The global Flood. All flesh is destroyed by it.

Chapter#8 Ending Of The Flood. The ark rests on Ararat. A Raven then a Dove sent out. The Lord's Promise.

Chapter#9 Noah's Family. Instructions for all humankind. Rainbow covenant. Noah gets drunk; Noah dies.

CHAPTER-WISE SUMMARY

Chapter#10 Genealogy Of Noah's Sons. The family history of Shem, Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah. Nimrod the first monarch, and the descendants of Canaan.

Chapter#11 Tower Of Babel. One language in the world. God confuses the language. From Shem to Abram. Terah, with Abram and Lot, remove from Ur to Haran.

Chapter#12 Call Of Abram. Abram leaves Haran for Canaan. Abram and Sarai in Egypt. Pharaoh and Fear that made Abram pretend his wife to be his sister.

Chapter#13 Abram's Move To Canaan. The Parting Of Abram And Lot and Lot goes to Sodom. God's Third Promise To Abram.

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Chapter#14 War Of The Kings. The battle of four kings against the king of Sodom and his allies. Abram Rescues Lot. Melchizedek blesses Abram.

Chapter#15 Promises To Abram. The 400 years of affliction foretold. Canaan is promised again, and confirmed by a sign, and a vision.

Chapter#16 Hagar conceives. Hagar flees to the wilderness, then returns. Birth Of Ishmael To Abram And Hagar. Hagar And The Angel Of God.

Chapter#17 Abram becomes Abraham. Sarai becomes Sarah. Covenant Of Circumcision. Abraham's Household Circumcised. Mark Of The Covenant.

Chapter#18 The Lord & two angels appear to Abraham. God Appears To Abraham As A Man. A son promised to Sarah; she laughs. Abraham reasoned with the Lord about Sodom.

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Chapter#19 Destruction Of Sodom And Gomorrah. Two angels met Lot in Sodom. The vicious Sodomites are smitten with blindness. Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed. Lot's wife becomes a pillar of salt. Lot And His Daughters. The incestuous origin of Moab and Ammon.

Chapter#20 Abraham moved to Gerar. Abraham's Deceit With Abimelech. Sarah rescued from Abimelech.

Chapter#21 Birth Of Isaac. Ishmael mocks Isaac. Enmity Between Sarah And Hagar. Hagar and Ishmael sent away. Ishmael grows up. Abraham makes a covenant with Abimelech.

Chapter#22 God Tests Abraham. Sacrifice Of Isaac. Rebekah's Family.

Chapter#23 Death And Burial Of Sarah. The acquisition of the field and cave of Machpelah. Sarah buried.

CHAPTER-WISE SUMMARY

Chapter#24 Abraham's Servant Finds A Wife For Isaac. Marriage Of Isaac And Rebekah

Chapter#25 Abraham remarries. Birth Of Esau And Jacob. Abraham's Death. Esau sells his birthright.

Chapter#26 Isaac goes to Gerar, lies about Rebekah. Isaac's covenant with Abimelech. Famine And The Redigging Of The Wells. Esau's Wives

Chapter#27 Isaac grows old & requests meat from Esau. Jacob pretends to be Esau. Esau Begs For Isaac's Blessing. Esau's animosity toward Jacob.

Chapter#28 Isaac blesses Jacob & sends him to Laban in Haran. Esau marries again. Jacob's Dream about a ladder to heaven And Promise.

Chapter#29 Jacob meets Laban. Jacob falls in love with Rachel. Jacob's Marriages To Leah And Rachel. Leah bares Reuben, Simeon, Levi & Judah.

CHAPTER-WISE SUMMARY

Chapter#30 Rachel gives Bilhah her maid unto Jacob. Growth Of Jacob's Family And Possessions. Zilpah bears Gad and Asher. Leah bears Issachar and Zebulun. Rachel bears Joseph.

Chapter#31 Jacob secretly leaves Laban for Canaan. Rachel steals her father's images. Laban overtakes Jacob. Deals Between Laban And Jacob

Chapter#32 Jacob's Fight With An Angel. Jacob prepares to meet Esau. Jacob wrestles with God. Jacob's name changed to Israel.

Chapter#33 Reunion Of Jacob And Esau. Jacob Meets Esau And Settles At Shechem.

Chapter#34 Shechem son of Hamor lies with Dinah. Rape Of Dinah. The sons of Jacob offer the condition of circumcision to the Shechemites and upon that advantage slay them, and spoil their city.

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Chapter#35 Jacob moves to Bethel. God promises to Jacob, changes name to Israel. Birth Of Benjamin; Death Of Isaac.

Chapter#36 Genealogy Of Esau's Descendants

Chapter#37 Sale Of Joseph Into Slavery By His Older Brothers

Chapter#38 Sin Of Judah With His Daughter-In-Law Tamar

Chapter#39 Joseph taken to Egypt, bought by Potiphar. Joseph resists Potiphar's wife. Joseph's Imprisonment By Potiphar

Chapter#40 Interpretation Of Pharaoh's Servants' Dreams. Pharaoh's baker & butler offend king. Cast into Jail. Dream and interpretation. Butler restored. Baker killed.

Chapter#41 Interpretation Of Pharaoh's Dreams. Joseph interprets dreams. Made ruler of Egypt. The seven years of plenty. Famine begins.

CHAPTER-WISE SUMMARY

Chapter#42 First Trip Of Jacob's Sons To Egypt. Joseph's ten brothers go to Egypt to buy corn. Joseph accuses them of being spies. They were set free, on condition to bring Benjamin.

Chapter#43 Second Trip Of Jacob's Sons To Egypt. The Banquet At Joseph's House. Favors Benjamin.

Chapter#44 Joseph accuses brothers of stealing his silver cup. Judah's Plea For Benjamin.

Chapter#45 Joseph reveals his identity. His brothers return to Canaan

Chapter#46 Jacob's Family's Move To Egypt. Names of those moving to Egypt.

Chapter#47 Pharaoh meets Joseph's father & brothers. Jacob Settles In Goshen. Joseph's Purchase Of All Egypt For Pharaoh

CHAPTER-WISE SUMMARY

Chapter#48 Jacob's Blessings On Joseph's Sons Manasseh & Ephraim.

Chapter#49 Jacob gathers his 12 sons. Jacob's Blessings On His Sons. Jacob's burial instructions. Jacob dies

Chapter#50 Joseph buries Jacob in Canaan. Joseph comforts his brethren, who crave his pardon. Joseph forgives his brothers; Joseph dies.